

November 30, 1963

STATEMENT OF LT. RIO S. PIERCE

I know Jack Ruby and have known him since 1949. I did not see him at or near the City Hall prior to the shooting.

I was driving the squad car; Putnam was sitting in the front seat; and, Maxey in the back on the lefthand side.

When we drove out the Main Street ramp, there were some people on the sidewalk, but vehicular traffic was very light. I did see Vaughn after I passed him and this was about six feet from the building.

I pulled on to Main Street and stopped for the traffic light. When it changed, I pulled into the intersection and did let two cars pass, and made a left turn onto Harwood and a left at Commerce.

When we arrived at the Commerce Street ramp entrance, Maxey and Putnam got out of the car and I backed up in front of the armored car. I got out of the car and I could tell something had happened, and we sealed off the Commerce Street entrance.